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1. DURING BRIEF DISCUSSION MARCH 29 ON CSCE WITH FONOFF DEPUTY ASST SECRETARY DIESEL, EMBOFF NOTED REPORTS THAT THE DUTCH MIGHT SEEK TO PUT OFF THE OPENING CSCE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE UNTIL THE AUTUMN AND MIGHT ALSO SEEK TO EXTEND MPT RECESSES. DRAWING ON GUIDENCE IN REFTEL A, EMBOFF SAID HE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT FRG AND OTHER ALLIES SHARED THE VIEW THAT SUCH A MOVE WOULD BE INADVISABLE AND COULD HAVE ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES WITH RESPECT TO SUBSTANTIVE CSCE ISSUES.

2. DIESEL' S REPLY CLOSELY FOLLOWED THAT OF UK REP IN REF D. IN PARTICULAR, THE FRG DID AGREE THAT THE WEST SHOULD SEEK TO COMPLETE MPT WORK IN TIME TO BEGIN INITIAL CSCE MINISTERIAL IN LATE JUNE; AS INDICATED REF E, DIESEL THOUGHT THIS COULD BE POSSIBLE. BUT DIESEL SAID BONN ALSO BELIEVED THAT THE MPT MUST PRODUCE SATISFACTORY MANDATES FOR ALL REPEAT ALL BASKETS AND MUST YIELD AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THE FOLLOW- UP PROBLEM. THE SOVIET READINESS TO MAKE CONCESSIONS ON FREER MOVEMENT REMAINED UNCLEAR AND THE FRG STILL PLACED A HIGHER PRIORITY ON THE SUBSTANCE THAN THE CALENDAR. IN ANY CASE, THE ALLIES WOULD HAVE TO FACE THE HOUR OF TRUTH ON MANDATES DURING THE RECESS BETWEEN MPT-3 AND MPT-4.

3. DIESEL SAID HE THOUGHT THE INITIAL MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE WOULD LAST ABOUT TEN DAYS. HE SAID HE ASSUMED IT WOULD HAVE TO BE SANDWICHED IN BETWEEN THE MID- JUNE NATO MINISTERIAL AND THE JULY 3-4 FRANCO- GERMAN CONSULTATIONS IN BONN, AT WHICH SCHEEL AND THE NEW FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD HAVE TO BE PRESENT.
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